

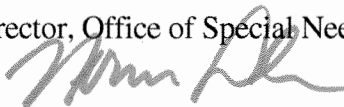


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MEMORANDUM FOR: Ann Marie Oliva, Deputy Assistant Secretary, DN

FROM: Norm Suchar, Director, Office of Special Needs Assistance
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SUBJECT: Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact
under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) - Notice of
Funding Availability for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2015 Continuum of
Care Program (FR-5900-25)

It is the finding of this office that the FY 2015 Continuum of Care (CoC) Program Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) does not constitute a major Federal action having an individually or cumulatively significant effect on the human environment, and therefore, does not require the preparation of an environmental impact statement.

The purpose of this NOFA is to announce the availability of FY 2015 funds and to provide program information and application instructions for the CoC Program. The CoC Program NOFA sets forth the requirements governing grants authorized for FY 2015 by subtitle C of Title IV of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, (42 U.S.C. 11381-11389) (the Act). The FY 2015 funds for the CoC Program were authorized by the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015 (Public Law 113-235, approved December 16, 2014) (the "HUD Appropriations Act").

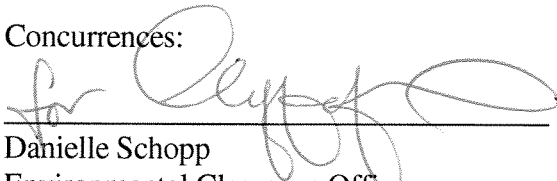
The CoC Program is a competitive program designed to promote a community-wide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness; to provide funding for efforts by nonprofit providers, States, and local governments to quickly re-house persons experiencing homelessness while minimizing the trauma and dislocation caused by homelessness; to promote access to and effective utilization of mainstream programs by persons experiencing homelessness; and to optimize self-sufficiency among those experiencing homelessness. Eligible activities include: new construction, rehabilitation, acquisition, rental assistance, leasing and supportive services.

In accordance with Section 100261 of the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21), the NOFA provides for environmental review of CoC projects and activities either (1) by a Responsible Entity under 24 CFR Part 58; or (2) by HUD under 24 CFR Part 50 for activities under a grant to a recipient other than a State or unit of general local government if the recipient objects to the Responsible Entity performing the review and HUD makes a finding in accordance with 24 CFR 58.11(d) to perform the environmental review itself. Under this NOFA and applicable law, an applicant is prohibited from undertaking any actions that are choice-limiting or could have environmentally adverse effects, including: acquiring, rehabilitating, converting, leasing, repairing, disposing of, demolishing, or constructing property for a project under this NOFA, or committing or expending HUD or local funds for such eligible activities under this

NOFA, until a responsible entity has completed the environmental review procedures required by 24 CFR part 58 and the environmental certification and Request for Release of Funds (RROF) have been approved or HUD has performed an environmental review under 24 CFR part 50 and the recipient has received HUD approval of the property. The environmental review may result in requirements for mitigation or remedial measures or other conditions.

This Office finds that issuance of this NOFA will not have a significant effect on the human environment because, prior to any grantee's commitment of funds for any activities that would have an environmental impact or limit the choice of reasonable alternatives, an environmental review of these activities under the NEPA and related laws and authorities will be done. Thus, the environmental effects of activities assisted under this NOFA will be taken into account at the appropriate time and environmental impacts will be assessed in the local setting in which they will occur.


Concurrences:



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 Deputy Assistant Secretary
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